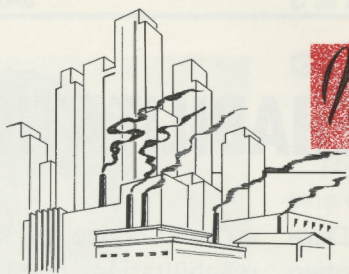


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Holmesview Alcoholic Center Now Offers Services To Women

A new wing of Holmesview Alcoholic Center near Greenville opened recently, making provisions for treatment of women with alcoholic problems, as well as an expanded program that will mutually benefit the total facility population.

Holmesview has previously served only male residents, due to the physical structure of the facility.

In addition to residential facilities for women, the new section of Holmesview includes a dining hall and medical facilities to serve all clients.

The Center is jointly operated by the Greenville County Alcohol and Drug Commission and the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department. It serves the counties in the Appalachian region.

Holmesview coordinates its program of treatment with other agencies in the community in providing services to those troubled by alcoholism.

David C. Lever is Vocational Rehabilitation project supervisor at the facility.

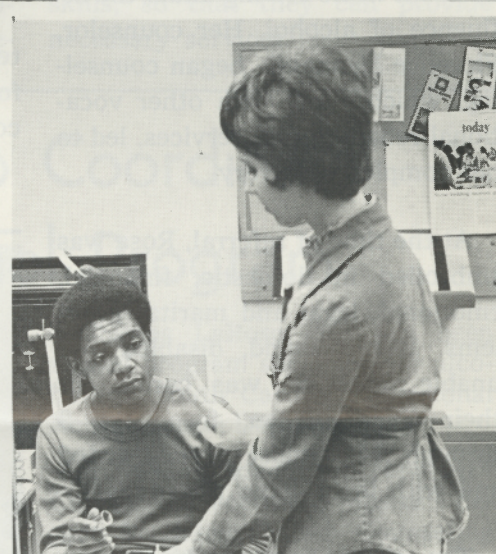


(Above)

Deaf clients and Vocational Rehabilitation staff at the South Carolina Opportunity School are involved in group communications skills training (sign language and finger spelling), an integral part of the adjustment program for the deaf.

(Right)

Alice Wood, a Vocational Rehabilitation work adjustment specialist at the South Carolina Opportunity School, works with a deaf client in the work adjustment area. This training helps deaf clients prepare for employment in their communities.



Grant Awarded To Expand Services To Deaf

Dill D. Beckman, Commissioner of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department, announced a Grant Award for the expansion of the deaf and hearing impaired project in the Vocational Rehabilitation facility of the South Carolina Opportunity School in

West Columbia.

The Grant, which was awarded on October 15, 1974, is a 3-year project to more adequately serve low verbal, low achieving deaf clients throughout the state of South Carolina.

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A CASE OF ALCOHOLIC REHABILITATION

Patients in the alcohol rehabilitation unit at the U. S. Naval Hospital have found someone who understands them and their problems.

She is Rosa Nell Chestnut — a recovered alcoholic.

Rosa came to the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department in the spring of 1972, requesting help for a problem of chronic and acute alcoholism.

She presented herself at the Charleston Area Office just 72 hours after she had an automobile accident while driving under the influence of alcohol. Her counselor, Florence Hennessy, began counseling, which along with other vocational rehabilitation services, led to her complete recovery.

At the time of referral, Rosa was embroiled in domestic, financial, emotional, legal and marital problems. Her husband, disabled and unable to work, was caring for their five children, from age 9 through 14, almost single-handed and with little or no resources.

The client was working as a waitress, being paid less than the current minimum wage. She was neither a dependable or productive worker. She reportedly had been absent without leave or pay at least 30 days during recent months. Her job was threatened by all these problems.

She was in urgent need of treatment, and was accepted for admission at the South Carolina Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center at Florence, South Carolina. She was

treated for a total of 57 days. During this period of treatment, her Vocational Rehabilitation counselor talked with her on several occasions.

Once when Rosa was home for a weekend, her counselor met with her at an AA meeting held at a local church, at which time the counselor was able to meet and talk with Rosa's husband.

After her release from Palmetto Center, she returned to her job, but this time working regularly and receiving tips for good service to her customers.

In the spring of 1973, Rosa attended an AA meeting and qualified for a "blue chip," signifying one continuous year of sobriety.

Later that spring, she applied for

a Civil Service job in the alcoholic rehabilitation unit of the U. S. Naval Hospital in Charleston. Mrs. Hennessy recommended the client highly for this position. She was hired for the job, and has been on that same job for nearly two years now.

The client is functioning responsibly both as a wife and mother to her five teenagers, and with nearly three years of unbroken sobriety is working productively as a reliable citizen and taxpayer.

Rosa Nell Chestnut is indeed a "blue chip" investment for the American taxpayer!

EDITOR'S NOTE

At the request of the client, Rosa Nell Chestnut, actual information on the case history is included in this story.



William J. Knowles, Director of Charleston County Department of Social Services (DSS), inspects a toy box at one of the DSS Day Care Centers in the Charleston Area. Twenty (20) of these toy boxes were made at the Charleston Rehabilitation Workshop Facility. This cooperative effort between the two agencies saved a considerable amount of tax dollars.



VR-PS Adjustment Services Coordinator Appointed

Debra Neal Brown has been employed by the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department as Adjustment Services Coordinator for Vocational Rehabilitation public school and family court programs.

She will be coordinating personal and social adjustment services in these programs throughout the state.

A native of Sumter, she received a M.Ed. from the University of South Carolina in Rehabilitation Counseling in 1973. She is a 1967 graduate of South Carolina State College.

Mrs. Brown was Juvenile Justice Coordinator for the State's Office of Criminal Justice Programs. Prior to this she worked with the Columbia Drug Response Operation, the New York Industrial Education Center, the City of Columbia Neighborhood Youth Corps and Columbia public schools.

She and her husband, James A. Brown, have one son.

GRANT AWARDED . . .

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The grant provides for an extension of the present program of services to the deaf and hearing impaired, with emphasis on community involvement, including job training and job placement after evaluation and adjustment services.

After evaluation of hearing impaired clients is completed and needs are determined, a wide range of personal adjustment services are available to clients. These services include communications skills (sign language, fingerspelling and speech-reading), trade or job language, names of tools and equipment, basic banking practices, budgeting, taxes, social security, health, personal hygiene, physical fitness, grooming, interpersonal relationships, applying for a job, work re-

lationships, child care, family responsibilities, driver education, safety, consumer practices, transportation and homemaking.

The staff providing services to the deaf and hearing impaired at this facility have been increased to include a psychologist for the deaf—the first in South Carolina in that specialty area hired by Vocational Rehabilitation, a counselor for the deaf, a work adjustment specialist, a counselor coordinator and a recreation specialist, who is deaf himself.

The staff of the facility are trained in various aspects of deafness, including communications skills, so that they can provide necessary services.

LaRosa To Coordinate VR Alcohol Program



CHARLES LaROSA, JR.

Charles LaRosa, Jr., has been named program specialist for alcoholism, South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

A 1966 graduate of Newberry College, he received a Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of South Carolina in 1973.

LaRosa was project supervisor at the Evaluation Center at the South Carolina Opportunity School. He has been an employee of the department since April, 1969.

Prior to working at the Opportunity School, he served as Project Supervisor of the State Park Health Center VR Facility and as VR Counselor at the State Hospital and Manning Correctional Institute.

He and his wife Polly have two children.



Renate Ward shows her naturalization certificate to John S. Huggins, Disability Determination Officer, South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

VR Employee Becomes U. S. Citizen

Mrs. Renate Ward, a native of Frankfort, Germany, is now a citizen of the United States of America.

She was sworn in during naturalization ceremonies at the United States Federal Courthouse on Wednesday, January 8, 1975.

Mrs. Ward is a statistical clerk in the Columbia Office of the Disability Determination Division, South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

She and her husband, retired M-Sgt. James C. Ward, have lived in this country since 1968. She met her husband while he was on active duty in Frankfort.

She has been working with Disability Determination since September, 1973.

The Wards have two sons, Steven, 10 and Timothy, 6.



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IN MEMORY OF SETH L. PRICE

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of a long-time employee of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department, Seth L. Price, on January 6, 1975.

He began working with the department in October, 1943, as a Counselor, and at the time of his death, he was Training Services Coordinator for the Department.

He received his 30-year service award at the 1974 annual meeting of the South Carolina Rehabilitation Association.

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